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Seattle City Council
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Re: Reply of Appellant Steve Wilson to Response of LCC

Dear Members of the Seattle City Council:

The following is the Reply of Appellant Steve Wilson. It is sent on our letterhead to facilitate dissemination. Mr. Wilson has the following to say:

"First, I would like to respond to LCC's demeaning characterizations of me as a Hospital 'surrogate.' Reply Brief at pages 5, 38. I am no more a surrogate than people that are aligned with LCC are its 'surrogates.' This type of characterization or demonizing of parties is not constructive and should stop. For the ultimate irony, I direct the Council's attention to the first paragraph of LCC's Response at page 39 where it suggests that attacking opponents' rather than addressing merits is not the way to proceed. I hope LCC can in the future follow its own suggestions and abandon ad hominem attacks.

Being an individual resident of Laurelhurst and by default a 'member' of LCC I take exception to LCC's Response. It suggests at pages 39-40 that LCC is democratic and representative.

The facts are quite different. LCC's members have no bona fide say as to who is nominated for a Director of LCC. LCC is what is known as a 'Director-perpetuated' organization. The Directors solely control who is nominated.

The members, at the membership meeting, cannot nominate someone different. This is not unlike elections in the old USSR. There was a vote, but no choice.

Additionally, the LCC Directors are the only ones that can amend the bylaws. They recently amended the bylaws to require that it would take 200 members to call a special meeting. Most importantly, the LCC Director-controlled bylaws give no power whatsoever to the members.

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Fifteen hundred members could call a meeting and show up and attempt to replace a director or pass a resolution supporting the CAC recommendation. There is simply no such power in the bylaws. That is how a 'director-perpetuated' non-profit operates.

And now the LCC Directors just amended the bylaws to remove the requirement that LCC members be notified of changes to the bylaws!

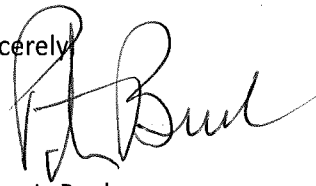
This process is the choice of the LCC Directors. It is not necessarily wrong. It is wrong, however, to imply to the Council that the members have any say in anything.

It is also the case that LCC has not once conducted an arm's length, independent poll of the Laurelhurst community. So, LCC's position in this matter is solely that of LCC's self-perpetuating Board of Directors. It is no more than that. The evidence in the record speaks to a much broader base of Laurelhurst than the limited LCC Board. And those Laurelhurst people want the expansion of Children's as recommended by the CAC.

Those are my two points. I urge the Council to make a decision on the evidence before it. Not based on name calling or false claims of representing people they do not represent. "

Thank you for consideration of Mr. Wilson's Reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. L. Buck", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Peter L. Buck

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 28th day of September, 2009, I sent copies of the following documents:

1. A letter in Reply of Appellant Steve Wilson to Response of LCC;
2. A letter in Reply of Appellant Laurelon Terrace to Response of LCC; and
3. Certificate of Service.

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2009, at Seattle, Washington.


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